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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PRC

REF (A) STATE 188730; (B) STATE 189537; (C) STATE 185978

1. USLO OFFICERS MET AUGUST 12 WITH LIU HAU, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MFA PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT, TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT AND PROVIDE MFA WITH SUGGESTIONS REGARDING MRS. VANCE'S SCHEDLUE (REF A) AND SUPPORT OFFICES (REF B).

2. LIU CONFIRMED THAT A SUBSTANTIVE MEETING WOULD BE ARRANGED ON AFTERNOON AUGUST 22 AND THEREFORE ARRIVAL TIME OF 11:30 A.M. WOULD BE BEST. ANTICIPATED DEPARTURE TIME OF 10 A.M. AUGUST 26 WOULD CAUSE NO INCONVENIENCE. LIU SAID THAT BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT USLO'S FIRST MEETING WITH MFA PROTOCOL ON AUGUST 8, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED THAT THE WELCOME BANQUET WOULD TAKE PLACE AUGUST 22 AND THE RETURN BANQUET ON AUGUST 25. LIU PROPOSED THAT THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY ATTEND AN ACROBATIC SHOW ON AUGUST 23. HE INDICATED THAT THE TIMING OF SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS OTHER
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THAN THE INITIAL SESSION ON AUGUST 22 COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED UNTIL AFTER THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL AND WOULD DEPEND ON THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. FOR REASONS THAT WERE NOT CLEAR LIU HAD SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE ONE EVENING BEING RESERVED FOR THE RECEPTION AND DINNER THAT WE HAD PLANNED TO HOLD

AT USLO. LIU SAID THAT PRCLO IN WASHINGTON HAD INFORMED MFA THAT WE WERE PLANNING A RECEPTION SIMILAR TO THAT ORGANIZED BY AMBASSADOR BUSH IN 1975 FOR DIPLOMATS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH WE CORRECTED THIS MISUNDERSTANDING, LIU WAS STILL APPREHENSIVE THAT AN ENTIRE EVENING WOULD BE OCCUPIED AT USLO AND WONDERED IF WE SHOULD END OUR EVENTS BEFORE 9 O'CLOCK OR POSSIBLY RESCHEDULE OUR DINNER FOR THE OFFICIAL PARTY AS A LUNCH ON ANOTHER DAY.

4. WE HAVE NO IDEA OF WHAT THE CHINESE MAY HAVE IN MIND. WHEN REMINDED THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD PREFER NOT TO ENGAGE IN SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS IN THE EVENING (REF C), LIU WAS VERY VAGUE BUT SEEMED TO INDICATE THAT CHINESE HAD SOMETHING ELSE PLANNED.

5. LIU TOOK OUR SUGGESTIONS ON MRS. VANCE'S SCHEDULE AND COMMENTED ONLY THAT PERHAPS MRS. VANCE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TEMPLE OF HEAVEN OR A HANDICRAFT FACTORY. LIU ALSO MENTIONED THAT DEPENDING ON HOW THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE DEVELOPS THE VANCES MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING A SPECIAL SPORTS SCHOOL (THIS WOULD BE A PART TIME INSTITUTION DEVOTED TO TRAINING ATHLETICALLY INCLINED HIGH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN GYMNASTICS, TRACK AND FIELD, PING PONG ETC.)

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6. ACCORDING TO LIU MFA HAS BEEN INFORMED BY PRCLO THAT 5 ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS (4 COMMUNICATORS AND A SECRETARY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ADVISER CANNON, WOULD BE COMING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAMES WHEN AVAILABLE.

7. MFA PROTOCOL IS ALSO ANXIOUS TO HAVE THE FULL NAMELIST FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY INCLUDING SY, COMMUNICATORS AND PLANE CREW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE THE REMAINING INFORMATION NEEDED FOR AIRCRAFT FLIGHT CLEARANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WOODCOCK

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